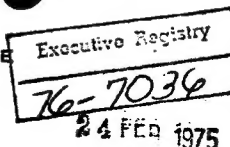


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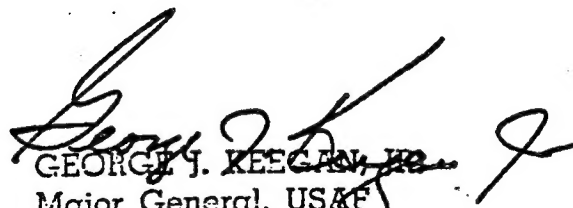
SUBJECT: Study on The Educational Background and Training of Soviet Air Force Officers

TO: Mr. George Bush
Director, CIA
Washington DC 20505

1. The attached study examines the structure of the pre-military indoctrination and professional military education programs operated by the Soviets for the training of Armed Forces leaders. Special emphasis is laid on those aspects of these programs which pertain to the training of Soviet Air Force officers.

2. As the attached study establishes, the academic education program for Soviet officers is a broad-based system which ensures that the Soviet Armed Forces are supplied with a continuous stream of well-educated, well-motivated combat leaders throughout the entire military grade structure.

3. As you are aware, the Chief of Staff, USAF has directed that increased emphasis be placed on ensuring that each member of the USAF has a fundamental understanding of the Soviet military establishment. I am confident that you will find that the attached study is a useful contribution in that direction.


GEORGE J. KEEGAN, JR.
Major General, USAF
Asst Chief of Staff, Intelligence

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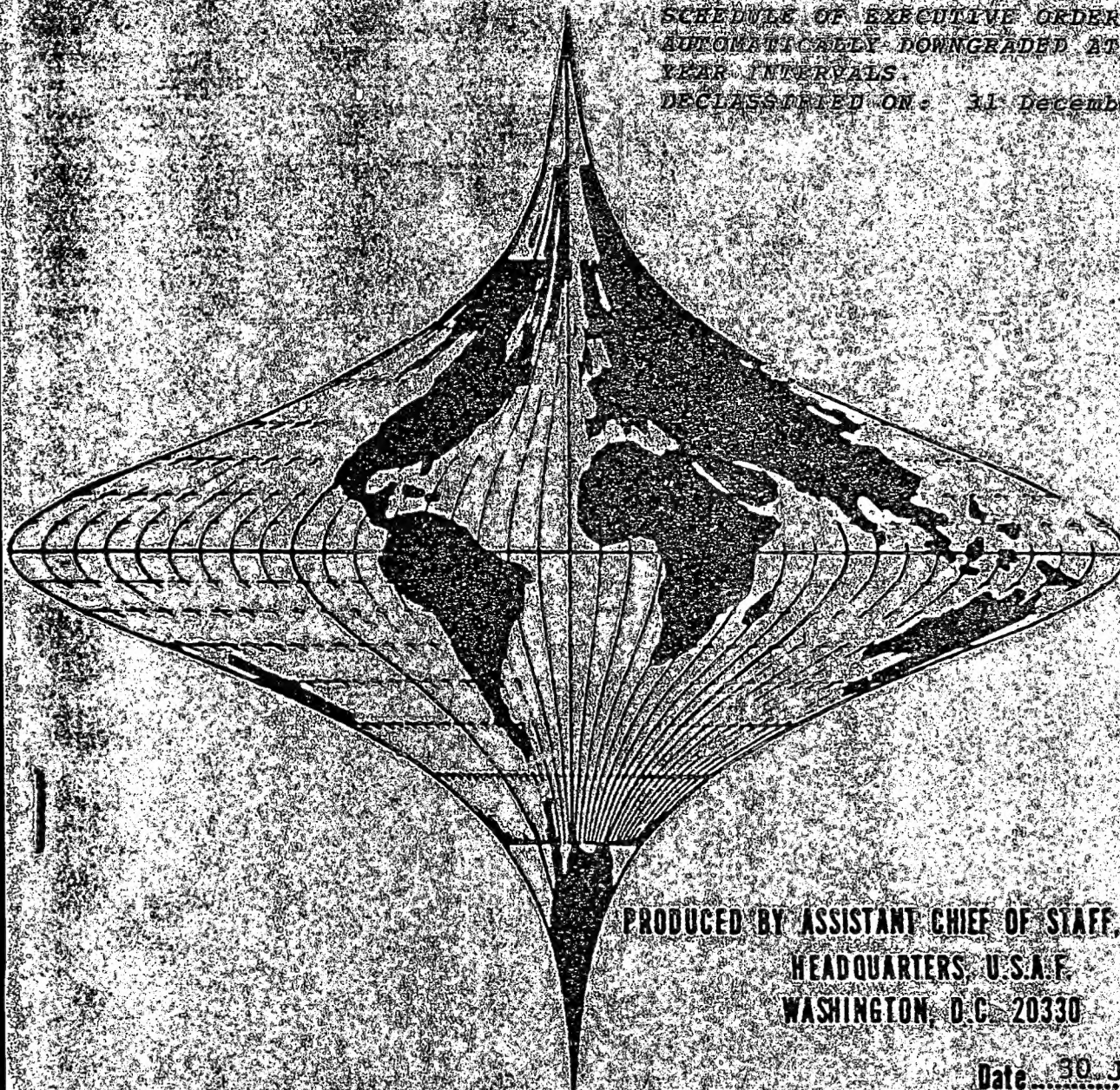
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Dear George:

As I turn the post of Director of Central Intelligence over to the exceedingly capable hands of George Bush, I would like to thank you and your entire organization for your support and cooperation in the United States Intelligence Board. During this period when the Intelligence Community has faced major challenges, both in its mission and from exposure and criticism, I believe it has held together as a true Community. This has enabled it not only to weather the storm, but to continue to produce what I call with confidence the best intelligence in the world. The major reason for this lies in the talent, dedication and cooperation of the people in the Community, and especially the principals of the USIB. We have agreed, we have differed, and we have discussed in the frank and straightforward way that we in intelligence believe essential to meet the problems of the world around us. I thank you for your personal support of me, but I also thank you for your great contribution to our country during the time that I was privileged to serve it.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

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